

**Subpart B—Research on Effectiveness****SEC. 1082. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RESEARCH ON EFFECTIVENESS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF VETERANS CRISIS LINE.**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000 for the Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Centers of the Department to conduct research on the effectiveness of the Veterans Crisis Line and areas for improvement for the Veterans Crisis Line.

**PART III—TRANSITION OF CRISIS LINE NUMBER****SEC. 1083. FEEDBACK ON TRANSITION OF CRISIS LINE NUMBER.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall solicit feedback from veterans service organizations on how to conduct outreach to members of the Armed Forces, veterans, their family members, and other members of the military and veterans community on the move to 988 as the new, national three-digit suicide and mental health crisis hotline, which is expected to be implemented by July 2022, to minimize confusion and ensure veterans are aware of their options for reaching the Veterans Crisis Line.

(b) NONAPPLICATION OF FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to any feedback solicited under subsection (a).

(c) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “veterans service organization” means an organization recognized by the Secretary for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

**SA 3986.** Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VIII, add the following:

**SEC. 807. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE ENHANCED TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LABORATORIES.**

Section 801(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66), as amended by section 818 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328), is amended by striking “2021” and inserting “2026”.

**SA 3987.** Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS OR AT-RISK INDIAN VETERANS.**

Section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraph (D):

“(D) INDIAN VETERANS HOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

“(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this subparagraph:

“(I) ELIGIBLE INDIAN VETERAN.—The term ‘eligible Indian veteran’ means an Indian veteran who is—

“(aa) homeless or at risk of homelessness; and

“(bb) living—

“(AA) on or near a reservation; or

“(BB) in or near any other Indian area.

“(II) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible recipient’ means a recipient eligible to receive a grant under section 101 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111).

“(III) INDIAN; INDIAN AREA.—The terms ‘Indian’ and ‘Indian area’ have the meanings given those terms in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

“(IV) INDIAN VETERAN.—The term ‘Indian veteran’ means an Indian who is a veteran.

“(V) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means the Tribal HUD-VASH program carried out under clause (ii).

“(VI) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘tribal organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

“(ii) PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS.—The Secretary shall use not less than 5 percent of the amounts made available for rental assistance under this paragraph to carry out a rental assistance and supported housing program, to be known as the ‘Tribal HUD-VASH program’, in conjunction with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by awarding grants for the benefit of eligible Indian veterans.

“(iii) MODEL.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subclause (II), the Secretary shall model the Program on the rental assistance and supported housing program authorized under subparagraph (A) and applicable appropriations Acts, including administration in conjunction with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

“(II) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(aa) SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.—After consultation with Indian tribes, eligible recipients, and any other appropriate tribal organizations, the Secretary may make necessary and appropriate modifications to facilitate the use of the Program by eligible recipients to serve eligible Indian veterans.

“(bb) SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—After consultation with Indian tribes, eligible recipients, and any other appropriate tribal organizations, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may make necessary and appropriate modifications to facilitate the use of the Program by eligible recipients to serve eligible Indian veterans.

“(iv) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary shall make amounts for rental assistance and associated administrative costs under the Program available in the form of grants to eligible recipients.

“(v) FUNDING CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall award grants under the Program based on—

“(I) need;

“(II) administrative capacity; and

“(III) any other funding criteria established by the Secretary in a notice published in the Federal Register after consulting with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

“(vi) ADMINISTRATION.—Grants awarded under the Program shall be administered in accordance with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), except that recipients shall—

“(I) submit to the Secretary, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary, reports on the

utilization of rental assistance provided under the Program; and

“(II) provide to the Secretary information specified by the Secretary to assess the effectiveness of the Program in serving eligible Indian veterans.

“(vii) CONSULTATION.—

“(I) GRANT RECIPIENTS; TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall consult with eligible recipients and any other appropriate tribal organization on the design of the Program to ensure the effective delivery of rental assistance and supportive services to eligible Indian veterans under the Program.

“(II) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.—The Director of the Indian Health Service shall provide any assistance requested by the Secretary or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the Program.

“(viii) WAIVER.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subclause (II), the Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of law (including regulations) that the Secretary administers in connection with the use of rental assistance made available under the Program if the Secretary finds that the waiver or alternative requirement is necessary for the effective delivery and administration of rental assistance under the Program to eligible Indian veterans.

“(II) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may not waive or specify alternative requirements under subclause (I) for any provision of law (including regulations) relating to labor standards or the environment.

“(ix) RENEWAL GRANTS.—The Secretary may—

“(I) set aside, from amounts made available for tenant-based rental assistance under this subsection and without regard to the amounts used for new grants under clause (ii), such amounts as may be necessary to award renewal grants to eligible recipients that received a grant under the Program in a previous year; and

“(II) specify criteria that an eligible recipient must satisfy to receive a renewal grant under subclause (I), including providing data on how the eligible recipient used the amounts of any grant previously received under the Program.

“(x) REPORTING.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Director of the Indian Health Service, shall—

“(aa) conduct a review of the implementation of the Program, including any factors that may have limited its success; and

“(bb) submit a report describing the results of the review under item (aa) to—

“(AA) the Committee on Indian Affairs, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

“(BB) the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States of the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

“(II) ANALYSIS OF HOUSING STOCK LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall include in the initial report submitted under subclause (I) a description of—

“(aa) any regulations governing the use of formula current assisted stock (as defined in section 1000.314 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation)) within the Program;

“(bb) the number of recipients of grants under the Program that have reported the

regulations described in item (aa) as a barrier to implementation of the Program; and

“(cc) proposed alternative legislation or regulations developed by the Secretary in consultation with recipients of grants under the Program to allow the use of formula current assisted stock within the Program.”.

**SA 3988.** Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title I, add the following:

**SEC. 138. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR RETIREMENT OF MARK VI PATROL BOATS.**

(a) **PROHIBITION.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2022 for the Navy may be obligated or expended to retire, prepare to retire, or place in storage any Mark VI patrol boat.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than February 15, 2022, the Secretary of the Navy, in consultation with the Commandant of the Marine Corps, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes each of the following:

(1) The rationale for the retirement of existing Mark VI patrol boats, including an operational analysis of the effect of such retirements on the warfighting requirements of the combatant commanders.

(2) A review of operating concepts for escorting high value units without the Mark VI patrol boat.

(3) A description of the manner and concept of operations in which the Marine Corps could use the Mark VI patrol boat to support distributed maritime operations, advanced expeditionary basing operations, and persistent presence near maritime choke points and strategic littorals in the Indo-Pacific region.

(4) An assessment of the potential for modification, and the associated costs, of the Mark VI patrol boat for the inclusion of loitering munitions or antiship cruise missiles, such as the Long Range Anti Ship Missile and the Naval Strike Missile, particularly to support the concept of operations described in paragraph (3).

(5) A description of resources required for the Marine Corps to possess, man, train, and maintain the Mark VI patrol boat in the performance of the concept of operations described in paragraph (3) and modifications described in paragraph (4).

(6) At the discretion of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, a plan for the Marine Corps to take possession of the Mark VI patrol boat not later than September 30, 2022.

(7) Such other matters as the Secretary determines appropriate.

**SA 3989.** Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VI, add the following:

**SEC. 607. IMPROVEMENTS TO FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING.**

(a) **IMPROVEMENTS TO FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a) of section 992 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “grade E-4” and inserting “grade E-6”;

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) In carrying out the program to provide training under this subsection, the Secretary concerned shall—

“(A) require the development of a standard curriculum across all military departments for such training that—

“(i) focuses on ensuring that members of the armed forces who receive such training develop proficiency in financial literacy rather than focusing on completion of training modules;

“(ii) is based on best practices in the financial services industry, such as the use of a social learning approach and the incorporation of elements of behavioral economics or gamification; and

“(iii) is designed to address the needs of members and their families;

“(B) ensure that such training—

“(i) is conducted by a financial services counselor who is qualified as described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) or by other means as described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) of that subsection;

“(ii) is provided, to the extent practicable—

“(I) in a class held in person with fewer than 50 attendees; or

“(II) one-on-one between the member and a financial services counselor or a qualified representative described in subclause (III) or (IV) of subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii); and

“(iii) is provided using computer-based methods only if methods described in clause (ii) are impractical or unavailable;

“(C) ensure that—

“(i) an in-person class described in subparagraph (B)(i)(I) is available to the spouse of a member; and

“(ii) if a spouse of a member is unable to attend such a class in person—

“(I) training is available to the spouse through Military OneSource; and

“(II) the member is informed during the in-person training of the member under subparagraph (B)(i) with respect to how the member’s spouse can access the training;

“(D) ensure that such training, and all documents and materials provided in relation to such training, are presented or written in manner that the Secretary determines can be understood by the average enlisted member.”.

(2) **QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES FOR COUNSELING FOR MEMBERS AND SPOUSES.**—Subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(IV) Through qualified representatives of banks or credit unions operating on military installations pursuant to an operating agreement with the Department of Defense or a military department.”.

(3) **PROVISION OF RETIREMENT INFORMATION.**—Such section is further amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (g), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection (d):

“(d) **PROVISION OF RETIREMENT INFORMATION.**—In each training under subsection (a) and in each meeting to provide counseling under subsection (b), a member of the armed forces shall be provided with—

“(1) all forms relating to retirement that are relevant to the member, including with respect to the Thrift Savings Plan;

“(2) information with respect to how to find additional information; and

“(3) contact information for counselors provided through—

“(A) the Personal Financial Counselor program, the Personal Financial Management program, or Military OneSource; or

“(B) nonprofit organizations or agencies that have in effect agreements with the Department of Defense to provide financial services counseling.”.

(4) **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FINANCIAL READINESS.**—Such section is further amended by inserting after subsection (e), as redesignated by paragraph (3)(A), the following new subsection:

“(f) **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FINANCIAL READINESS.**—

“(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established an Advisory Council on Financial Readiness (in this section referred to as the ‘Council’).

“(2) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Council shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, as follows:

“(i) Three shall be representatives of military support organizations.

“(ii) Three shall be representatives of veterans service organizations.

“(iii) Three shall be representatives of private, nonprofit organizations with a vested interest in education and communication of financial education and financial services.

“(iv) Three shall be representatives of governmental entities with a vested interest in education and communication of financial education and financial services.

“(B) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—The Secretary shall appoint members to the Council from among individuals qualified to appraise military compensation, military retirement, and financial literacy training.

“(C) **TERMS.**—Members of the Council shall serve for terms of three years, except that, of the members first appointed—

“(i) four shall be appointed for terms of one year;

“(ii) four shall be appointed for terms of two years; and

“(iii) four shall be appointed for terms of three years.

“(D) **REAPPOINTMENT.**—A member of the Council may be reappointed for additional terms.

“(E) **VACANCIES.**—Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term of office for which such member’s predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term.

“(3) **DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.**—The Council shall—

“(A) advise the Secretary with respect to matters relating to the financial literacy and financial readiness of members of the armed forces; and

“(B) submit to the Secretary recommendations with respect to those matters.

“(4) **MEETINGS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Council shall meet not less frequently than twice each year and at such other times as the Secretary requests.

“(B) **QUORUM.**—A majority of members shall constitute a quorum and action shall be taken only by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

“(5) **SUPPORT SERVICES.**—The Secretary—

“(A) shall provide to the Council an executive secretary and such secretarial, clerical, and other support services as the Council considers necessary to carry out the duties of the Council; and

“(B) may request that other Federal agencies provide statistical data, reports, and other information that is reasonably accessible to assist the Council in the performance of the duties of the Council.